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## **Resources for Veterinarians Working with Rescues & Shelters Provided by the VVMA Animal Welfare Committee March 2017**

### **Association for Shelter Vets**

[www.sheltervets.org](http://www.sheltervets.org)

- **Guidelines for Standard of Care in Animal Shelters (a lot is relevant for rescues also!!)**
- Sending and receiving organizations should be familiar with these standards
- <http://www.sheltervet.org/assets/docs/shelter-standards-oct2011-wforward.pdf>

### **Society of Animal Welfare Administrators**

[www.sawanetwork.org](http://www.sawanetwork.org)

- **Best Practices for Animal Transports!!!!** Sending and receiving organizations should be familiar with these:  
[http://www.sawanetwork.org/uploads/3/1/1/7/31179579/sawa\\_campanion\\_animal\\_transport\\_best\\_practice\\_june\\_2016.pdf](http://www.sawanetwork.org/uploads/3/1/1/7/31179579/sawa_campanion_animal_transport_best_practice_june_2016.pdf)

### **ASPCA**

[www.aspcapro.org](http://www.aspcapro.org)

- Webinars, blogs, research, sample protocols, tools, print-out posters/signs
- Topics: everything from vaccinations at intake to adoption how-tos, sanitation, disease outbreaks, ringworm treatment, research dispelling many myths about adoptions or adopted animals, animal and human mental health, behavior/training tips, marketing, etc
- The Veterinary Outreach team can consult with shelters and their vets during an infectious disease outbreak. Please contact them earlier in an outbreak in order to save time and lives. Many shelters wait until they've been dealing with a disease >1 month before reaching out; it is much harder to contain and clear a disease at that point
- disaster services – natural disaster, hoarding, cruelty cases

### **UC-Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program**

[www.sheltermedicine.com](http://www.sheltermedicine.com)

- disease fact sheets (VERY helpful!), research, archived webinars, sample medical and shelter protocols, Virtual Consultant for shelter health
- Topics: diseases, disease control, disease prevention, stress reduction of sheltered animals, best practices, sanitation, medications in sheltered animals, shelter design, etc
- also has a veterinary outreach team

### **Maddie's Fund**

<http://www.maddiesfund.org>

- short seminars on line, a lot of FOSTER info, grants
- Topics: foster care resources galore!, lifesaving tips, education opportunities, grants
- They also fund the University of Florida's vet school shelter medicine program which has more & different info: <http://www.sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu>

## **Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)**

[www.animalsheltering.org](http://www.animalsheltering.org)

- fantastic bimonthly publication about sheltering & rescues - has info about adopters, volunteers, fostering, medical issues, national trends & discussions, etc.
- Website Topics: behavior info, sheltering info, increasing adoptions, grants, training resources (a LOT of topics under trainings!), and much more
- Disaster Services: natural disaster, hoarding, cruelty cases

## **Additional Animal Welfare Organizations & Resources:**

**American Humane** [www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org)

**Best Friends Animal Society** [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org)

**Humane Alliance** [www.humanealliance.org/e-learning](http://www.humanealliance.org/e-learning)

- [excellent high volume spay neuter resource](#)

## **Clicker Training for Shelters and Rescues**

<http://www.clickertraining.com/taxonomy/term/137> and

<https://www.karenpryoracademy.com/shelter-training-and-enrichment>

## **Books:**

- 1) Animal Behavior for Shelter Veterinarians and Staff (by Emily Weiss, PhD, Heather Mohan-Gibbons, Stephen Zawistowski, PhD)
- 2) Infectious Disease Management in Animal Shelters (by Kate Hurley, DVM & Lila Miller, DVM)
- 3) Shelter Medicine for Veterinarians and Staff (by Lila Miller, DVM & Stephen Zawistowski, PhD)

## **Conferences about sheltering or with strong Shelter Med tracks & General Time of Year** (apply for scholarships!):

ASPCA, Maddie's Fund Conf – Cornell CVM; early August (and low cost!)

Midwest Veterinary Conference – Ohio; late February

ABVP Symposium – varying locations; Oct or Nov

Western Veterinary Conf – Las Vegas; Feb or Mar

North American Veterinary Conf – Orlando; Jan or Feb

Animal Care EXPO (HSUS) – varying locations; May

Best Friends Animal Society National Conf – varying location; July

AVMA Conference – varying location; July

New England Federation of Humane Societies – varying locations; April

## **Online CE:**

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Maddie's Fund